

Calendar No. 283

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 758****[Report No. 105–147]**

To make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
1995.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 1997

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Reported by Mr. THOMPSON, without amendment

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of
6 1997”.

1 (b) REFERENCE.—Whenever in this Act an amend-
 2 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
 3 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
 4 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
 5 sion of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF COVERED EXECUTIVE BRANCH**
 7 **OFFICIAL.**

8 Section 3(3)(F) (2 U.S.C. 1602(3)(F)) is amended
 9 by striking “7511(b)(2)” and inserting “7511(b)(2)(B)”.

10 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF EXCEPTION TO LOBBYING**
 11 **CONTACT.**

12 (a) CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS.—Section
 13 3(8)(B)(ix) (2 U.S.C. 1602(8)(B)(ix)) is amended by in-
 14 serting before the semicolon the following: “, including any
 15 communication compelled by a Federal contract grant,
 16 loan, permit, or license”.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC OFFICIAL”.—Section
 18 3(15)(F) (2 U.S.C. 1602(15)(F)) is amended by inserting
 19 “, or a group of governments acting together as an inter-
 20 national organization” before the period.

21 **SEC. 4. ESTIMATES BASED ON TAX REPORTING SYSTEM.**

22 (a) SECTION 15(a).—Section 15(a) (2 U.S.C.
 23 1610(a)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “A registrant” and inserting “A
 25 person, other than a lobbying firm,”; and

1 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
4 contacts and lobbying activities only—

5 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
6 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))
7 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
8 tacts; and

9 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
10 officials to the extent that such activities are in-
11 fluencing legislation as defined in section
12 4911(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
13 1986.”.

14 (b) SECTION 15(b).—Section 15(b) (2 U.S.C.
15 1610(b)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “A registrant that is subject to”
17 and inserting “A person, other than a lobbying firm,
18 who is required to account and does account for lob-
19 bying expenditures pursuant to”; and

20 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
23 contacts and lobbying activities only—

24 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
25 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))

1 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
2 tacts; and

3 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
4 officials to the extent that amounts paid or
5 costs incurred in connection with such activities
6 are not deductible pursuant to section 162(e) of
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

8 (c) SECTION 5(c).—Section 5(c) (2 U.S.C. 1604(c))
9 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

10 **SEC. 5. EXEMPTION BASED ON REGISTRATION UNDER LOB-**
11 **BYING ACT.**

12 Section 3(h) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
13 of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 613(h)) is amended by striking “is
14 required to register and does register” and inserting “has
15 engaged in lobbying activities and has registered”.

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